

NEW EXPANSIONS, MORE NUMBERS

VIEWS FROM A BOARD MEMBER

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In conversation with the humblest man at the Department of Public Finance. The soft spoken and amiable Mr. E.A. Rathnaseela, a member of NSBM's Board of Directors, who has seen NSBM through to its massive expansion here in Pitipana, Homagama, had many a thing to say along with well wishers to all its members!

What are your thoughts on NSBM, today?

NSBM has certainly exceeded our expectations. I am impressed by how NSBM has distinguished itself from the rest of the universities in Sri Lanka. One thing that sticks out the most is the employability factor its students. Whilst the university shall certainly be

one of the largest in terms of student enrollment, it is indeed a pleasure to see an equally incremental percentage of NSBM graduates in steady employment.

Tell us a little bit about the role you played in the establishment of the Green University?

I have been with NSBM from the onset of the Green University Town. As I am attached to the Department of Public Finance, my main task has been to ensure and take on full responsibility for the smooth running of all financial matters, especially with regard to the 8bn loan which was acquired to build this awe-inspiring university. I am very happy to state that with the flourishing numbers at every student intake and the

acquiring of best practices and knowledge at the university, this has been an assuring task for me. And I am confident that once the university is free of the loan payments, it would be able to soar higher than ever, with absolutely no limitations.

What do you think the future holds for NSBM?

I see NSBM in true international flavor. With a throng of international students, even more qualified faculty from around the world, an enhanced lecturer-pupil ratio. NSBM has the potential to give so much more for its students in the years to come. I believe that with new expansions the university will also be able to attract more numbers with more hostel facilities and other means of accommodation for local and foreign students.

Message to students and staff of NSBM:

To all the students, you are indeed very lucky and privileged to be a part of this Green University. You have already attained assurance of a bright future. So, do take maximum of your time at the university and enjoy the benefits and facilities of being a truly international graduate, whilst reaping the comforts of your mother country.

To all the staff, I have never seen a more dedicated, competent and lively task. And it is certainly a pleasure to sit in on all the Board meetings, simply to listen to your countless accomplishments and capabilities. Please do continue to stay with us and let us all soar through this journey together. Wishing all the very best!